SUBJECTS.

85. *Establishment of a satrom and a travellers' bungalow at Alwaye.*

Mr. Thoma Thoma (Member, Alangad Taluk) said that, as Alwaye was a railway station and as it was also a sanitorium, a large number of travellers frequently visited the place. But the want of a satrom and a travellers' bungalow was badly felt. The necessity for supplying the want had been brought up at the third session of the Assembly and consideration was then promised. Nothing however was yet done. He requested that early steps might be taken for providing a convenient sattrom and a travellers' bungalow at Alwaye.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

PARUR TALUK.

86. *Establishment of an Additional First Class Magistrate's Court at Parur or Alwaye.*

Mr. D. Subramonia Iyer (Member, Parur Taluk) said that the Kottayam division was the largest division in point of area, population, congestion of work or any other consideration. It was also on the frontier, bordering on Cochin, Coimbatore and Madura. There was at present only one First Class Magistrate for the whole division. The hands of both the District and First Class Magistrates were always full, and the former found little or no time to attend to his magisterial work, along with his other important and multifarious duties. The empowering of the First Class Magistrate at Kottayam to hear criminal appeals was a step in the right direction and it afforded appreciable relief to the District Magistrate. But it had to be considered whether one First Class Magistrate could possibly cope with and do justice to the volume of work that he had at present. With the abolition of the First Class Magistrate's Court at Arukutti more work had fallen upon the Kottayam First Class Magistrate's Court. Besides his magisterial cases, he had to deal with land acquisition, puduval and poramboke cases. He had also to help the Peishkar in revenue matters in his capacity as Revenue Assistant. The result was that several cases were adjourned from time to time and the parties and witnesses as well as public servants suffered much pecuniary loss and trouble, especially as they had to travel along the dangerous backwaters from long distances. The distance also afforded ample facility for criminals to evade arrest or apprehension. Taking the taluks of Parur, Alangad, Kunnatnad, Muvattupuzha and Thodupuzha, which were remotely situated from Kottayam, it would be seen that they were equal in area to the Trivandrum and Padmanabhapuram divisions and in point of population to the Padmanabhapuram division alone. In view of the circumstances mentioned above, the Member requested that Government

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